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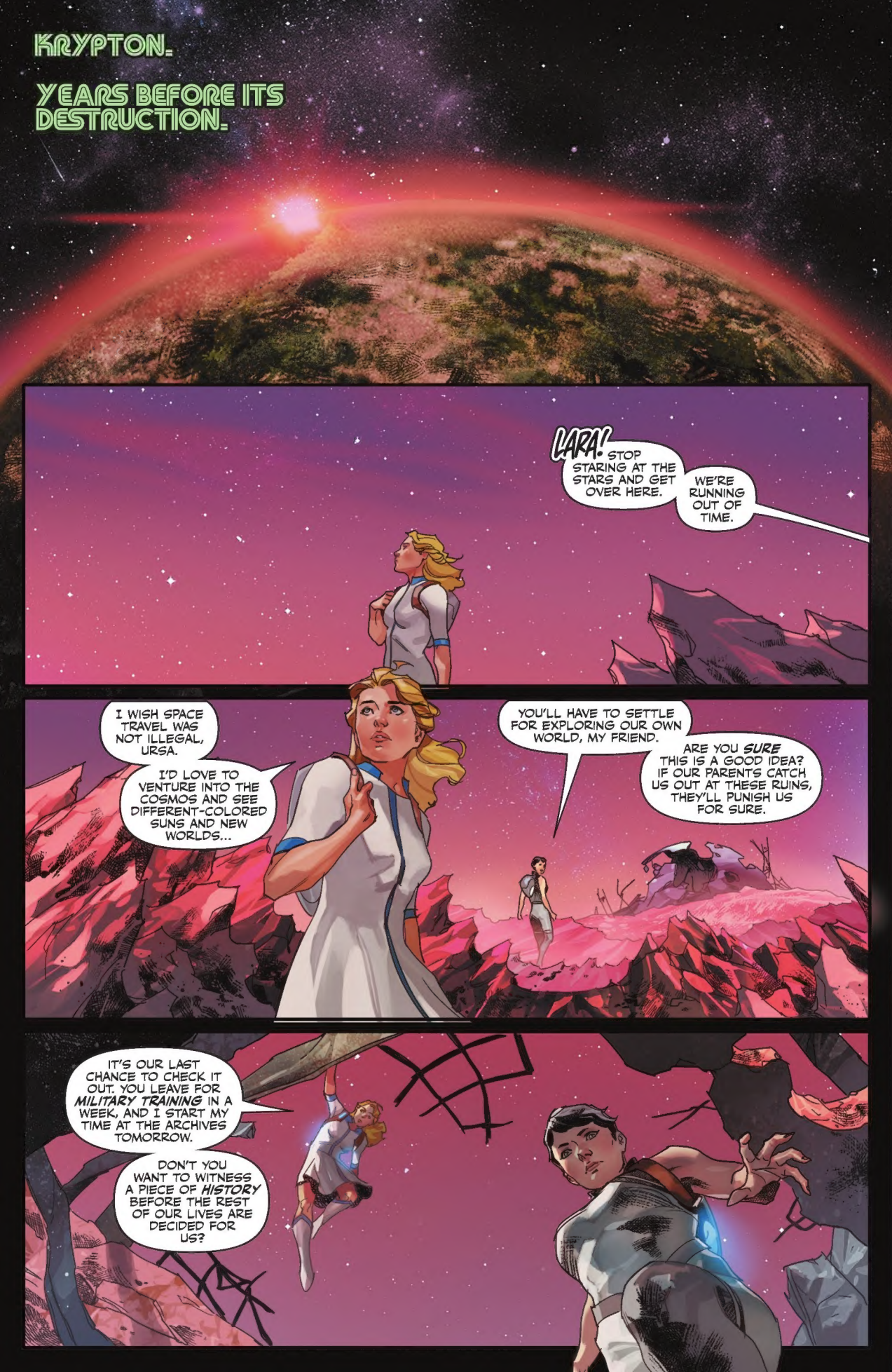
THE ACTION INTENSIFIES IN NOVEMBER AND BEYOND!


KRYPTON.
YEARS BEFORE ITS DESTRUCTION.
LARA! STOP STARING AT THE STARS AND GET OVER HERE.
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
I WISH SPACE TRAVEL WAS NOT ILLEGAL, URSA.
I'D LOVE TO VENTURE INTO THE COSMOS AND SEE DIFFERENT-COLORED SUNS AND NEW WORLDS...
YOU'LL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR EXPLORING OUR OWN WORLD, MY FRIEND.
ARE YOU *SURE* THIS IS A GOOD IDEA? IF OUR PARENTS CATCH US OUT AT THESE RUINS, THEY'LL PUNISH US FOR SURE.
IT'S OUR LAST CHANCE TO CHECK IT OUT. YOU LEAVE FOR *MILITARY TRAINING* IN A WEEK, AND I START MY TIME AT THE ARCHIVES TOMORROW.
DON'T YOU WANT TO WITNESS A PIECE OF *HISTORY* BEFORE THE REST OF OUR LIVES ARE DECIDED FOR US?

WHOA. THIS IS FROM BACK WHEN KRYPTON ACTUALLY *WORKED* WITH OTHER WORLDS.

SHARED TECHNOLOGY AND IDEAS...CONNECTED OUR *CULTURES.*

I'M NOT SURE IF THAT WAS A *GOOD THING,* LARA.

ESPECIALLY IF IT LED TO *THIS?*

WHAT ATTACKED THEM?

A MONSTER...

LOOK AT THIS. IT'S A *DATA PAD.* REALLY PRIMITIVE.

BEEP

ANCIENT KRYPTONIAN. FROM GENERATIONS AGO.

I THINK... IT TALKS ABOUT... A...SORRY...I THINK IT SAYS *ULTIMATE WEAPON.*

THEY WERE CREATING A *WEAPON* HERE?

NO... IT WAS A *SOLDIER.*

BUT FOR WHAT?

OUR LIVES OFTEN TAKE UNEXPECTED AND UNUSUAL PATHS...
I NEVER SAW MYSELF HERE.
NOW.
NEVER AMONG THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF THIS WORLD IN THEIR VERY HOME...
...DECIDING THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE.
YOU THINK THEY'RE GOING TO LISTEN TO YOU, TIME TRAPPER?
I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE SO, BOOSTER GOLD.
MY OWN HISTORY WITH SUPERMAN...

"...IS LESS THAN IDEAL..."
I KNOW. I WAS THERE.
I SAW WHAT YOU ARE.
BUT SUPERMAN SEES THE BEST IN EVERYONE. EVEN NOW HE'S CALLING ALL THE HEROES TO COME BACK TO THE WATCHTOWER.
THEY KNOW THIS IS A BIG DEAL.
YES, A GATHERING OF HEROES FROM FAR AND WIDE.
"BUT YOU MUST REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME YOU WERE ALL HERE TOGETHER AT THE WATCHTOWER...*
*DC ALL IN SPECIAL. --PK
...THAT WAS WHEN THE CURRENT PATH WE ARE ON BEGAN...

"THE DEATH OF THE *TRUE* FINAL GOD.

"LIKE ALL GODS, HIS ABSENCE IS POWERFUL. THE MOMENT DARKSEID CEASED TO EXIST, HE SENT OMEGA ENERGY...THE VERY ESSENCE OF ENTROPY ITSELF...INTO THIS TIMELINE.

"SINCE THEN, I HAVE WATCHED AS HIS PRESENCE HERE GREW. IT SPREAD. I SAW WHAT YOUR HEROES WERE TOO BLIND TO SEE...

"...THAT HOPE WAS GONE.

"DARKSEID HAD *WON.*

"I TRIED TO WARN SUPERMAN, BUT HE WOULDN'T LISTEN...

"...SO I SENT HIM TO FIND *YOU,* BOOSTER GOLD, IN HOPES THAT PERHAPS HE WOULD *TRUST YOU*...THAT SEEING HIS VERY FUTURE DESTROYED WOULD BE ENOUGH TO GET HIM TO ACT..."

I SEE NOW THAT WAS A MISTAKE.
THERE IS NO POINT.
WE SHOULD LEAVE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? SUPERMAN IS TOTALLY GOING TO LISTEN.
SUPERMAN!
HEY, BIG GUY, I HAVE THIS IDEA... IF DARKSEID AND HIS LEGION WANT ME, THEN LET'S USE ME AS BAIT.
CLEARLY THESE JERKS CAN TRACK WHATEVER SPECIAL ENERGY THEY THINK I HAVE...* LET'S LEAD THEM OUT INTO DEEP SPACE, FAR AWAY FROM HERE! WE CAN SET A TRAP AND STOP THEM!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
*SUPERMAN #30--PK
SUPERMAN?
WHAT THE--
YOU ARE WASTING YOUR BREATH.

BUT I SHALL NOT WASTE MINE.
PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO ME BOOSTER GOLD, AS MY POWERS CAN ONLY PAUSE THIS MOMENT FOR SO LONG...
...THE CONFLICT WITH GRODD HAS BROKEN TIME ITSELF.* YOUR MERGING OF CHRONAL AND OMEGA ENERGY ARE JUST ENOUGH POWER FOR US TO ESCAPE.
*AS SEEN IN THE WE ARE YESTERDAY SAGA. --PK
NO! YOU HAVE TO TELL THEM. YOU HAVE TO SHOW THEM. TELL THEM WHAT IS COMING AND LET THEM DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES!
I DO NOT HAVE TO DO ANYTHING. DARKSEID HAS WON. AND I WILL NOW ALLOW THINGS TO RUN THEIR COURSE. THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE.
YOU ARE SO FULL OF IT. YOU KNOW THERE IS A CHANCE, YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO DO IT.
THESE ARE THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROES. LEGENDS.
I'M FROM THE FUTURE, REMEMBER? I KNOW THEY CAN WIN. THEY ALWAYS WIN. I BELIEVE THAT. AND IF THEY BELIEVE IT... DARKSEID DOESN'T HAVE A SHOT.
THE FUTURE?
YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE FUTURE?
COME WITH ME.

HOLD ON!
YOU FOOL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
FLASH!
I SAW YOU SLOW DOWN TIME, TIME TRAPPER. THAT MIGHT WORK ON EVERYONE ELSE, BUT NOT ON THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE!
WE JUST GOT BOOSTER GOLD BACK. I'M NOT LETTING YOU TAKE HIM AGAIN.
THEN YOU WILL ALSO BEAR WITNESS...

"...TO THE END."

HERE.
I'VE SEEN THIS FUTURE BEFORE. IT'S THE HOME OF THE JUSTICE LEGION ALPHA.
BUT WHERE ARE THEY?
THEY ARE AT WAR.

AND LOSING.

THEN WE HELP THEM.

DAMN RIGHT.

DON'T BE FOOLS.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE THEM TO DIE.

MY TOUR OF THE RUINS OF YOUR FUTURE IS FAR FROM OVER, BOOSTER.

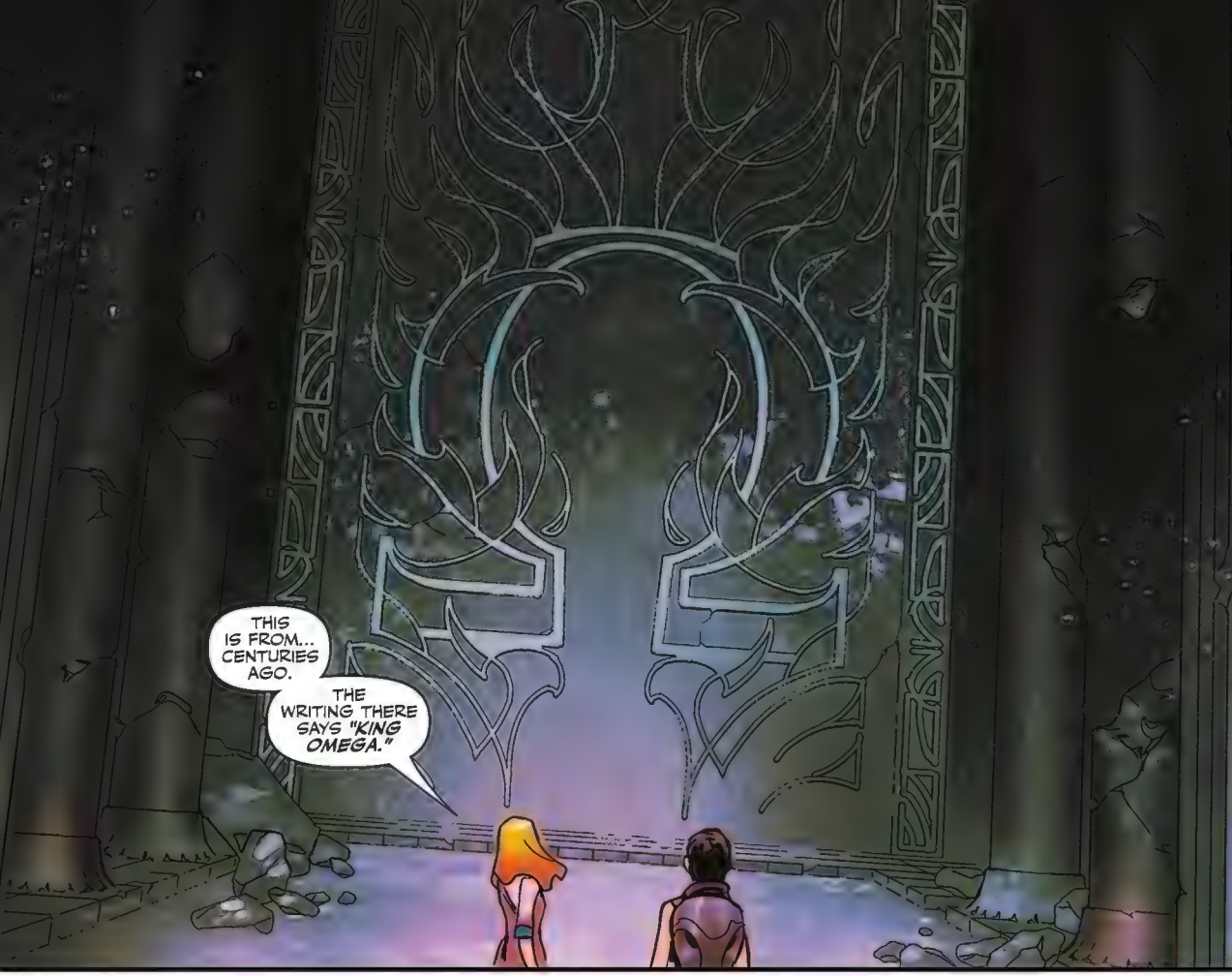
THIS ATTACK IS HAPPENING ACROSS ALL FUTURES.
ALL POSSIBLE TIMELINES.
"ALL FUTURES LEAD TO DARKSEID.
ONCE THIS IS OVER, DARKSEID'S LEGION WILL TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO YOUR TIME.
THE MOMENTS CLOSEST TO DARKSEID'S DISAPPEARANCE.

THIS LEGION. THEY ARE DANGEROUS KILLERS FROM A REALITY NONE OF YOU CAN COMPREHEND.
THEY ARE THE PRODUCT OF A DARK FUTURE... ONE CREATED IN DARKSEID'S IMAGE.
THEY SERVE AS HIS AGENTS. THEY WORK TO ENSURE DARKSEID'S RETURN.
I KNOW WHAT THEY ARE. AND WHAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF. THEY TORTURED ME FOR YEARS...BUT I'M NOT AFRAID OF THEM.
IF THE ONLY WAY TO STOP DARKSEID IS TO STOP THOSE JERKS, BRING IT ON. WE TAKE THIS FIGHT TO THEM.
I DON'T THINK WE WILL NEED TO GO ANYWHERE...
...THEY FOUND US!
"ISN'T THIS FUN?"

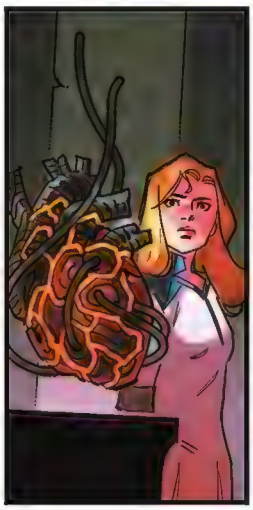
THEN...
I'M GOING TO MISS OUR ADVENTURES, URSA.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD JOIN THE ARCHIVES WITH ME.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ENLIST.
WHO SAID I *HAVE* TO? I *WANT* TO.
YOU OBSESS OVER THE PAST, LARA.
WHILE I LIVE IN THE PRESENT. AND THAT PRESENT NEEDS TO BE *PROTECTED*. IT'S OUR *DUTY*.
ONCE YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO LOSE, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.
GGRRRRRRR

LARA?!
FLY!
THEN WE GO DOWN!
I CAN'T, MY ROCKETPACK IS DAMAGED. I NEED YOU TO CARRY ME!
THE ROCKET-PACKS WERE NOT BUILT FOR THAT-- WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET HIGH ENOUGH!
THERE ARE OTHER CHAMBERS UNDERNEATH...
...IF WE GET SOME DISTANCE WE CAN ESCAPE!
BUT WHAT ELSE IS DOWN HERE?!

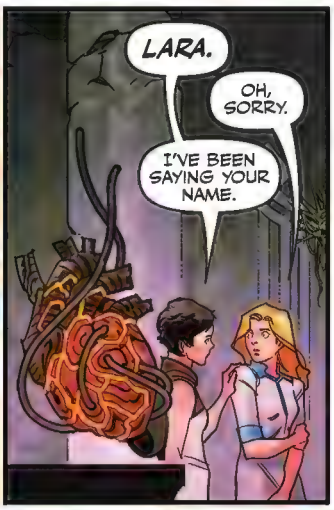
YOU SAID YOU STUDIED THESE RUINS... DID YOU KNOW ABOUT *THIS?*
THIS IS ALL...*OFF-WORLD* TECH. CONTRABAND.
WAS THIS SOME KIND OF ARMORY?
LONG AGO, KRYPTON USED TO ALLOW SPACE TRAVEL AND COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER WORLDS... BUT EVERYTHING FROM THOSE WORLDS WAS DESTROYED.
NONE OF THIS SHOULD BE HERE... WHO WAS COLLECTING ALL THIS?
LARA... *LOOK.*

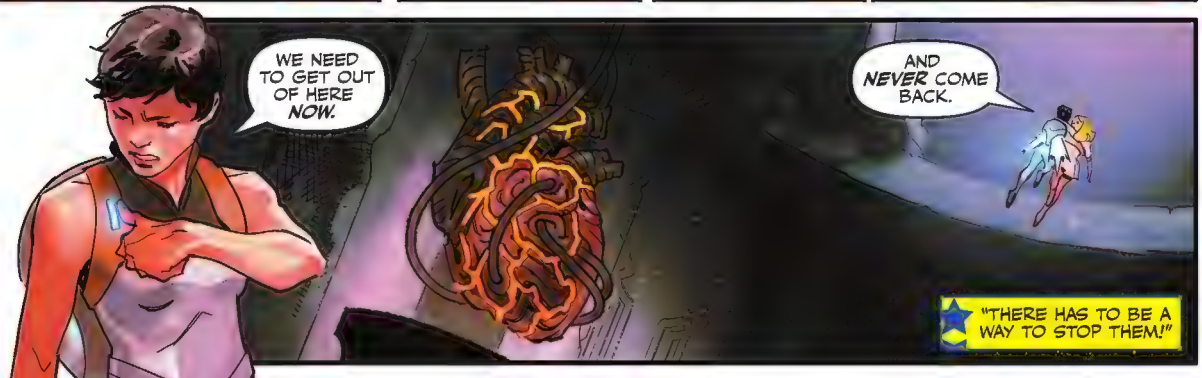

THIS IS FROM... CENTURIES AGO.
THE WRITING THERE SAYS "KING OMEGA."

WHAT IS THAT? IS THAT A WEAPON?
DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
WHAT? NO.



DARKSEID IS.


LARA.
OH, SORRY.
I'VE BEEN SAYING YOUR NAME.


WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE NOW.
AND NEVER COME BACK.
"THERE HAS TO BE A WAY TO STOP THEM!"

WE NEED TO GET BACK TO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!
NO!
WE NEED TO LEAD THEM--
--SOMEPLACE--
--DARKSEID CAN'T GO!
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE DARKSEID'S REACH, TIME TRAPPER.
OUR MASTER IS THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.
ALL OF TIME IS HIS.
THEN BRING ME IN FRONT OF HIM. TAKE ME TO DARKSEID SO I MAY FACE YOUR FINAL GOD MYSELF.

AH!
SMASH!
THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM!
IF TIME TRAPPER WISHES TO MEET OUR MASTER...LET'S HELP HIM.
YOU THOUGHT YOU AND SUPERMAN COULD ESCAPE US, BOOSTER.
BUT NOW WE WILL FINISH WHAT WE STARTED.*
*AS SEEN IN SUPERMAN #28-30. --PK
YOUR SACRIFICE TO *DARKSEID* WILL BE AN HONOR, BOOSTER GOLD. A PIECE OF HIS POWER HIDES WITHIN YOU, AND ONCE THAT IS FREE... THE END WILL BE HERE.
YOU WANT THIS POWER...?

YOU CAN HAVE IT!

HIS POWER...
WHAT... WHAT WAS THAT?
YOU ARE THE ONLY BEING TO TRAVERSE BOTH TIME...AND THE ABSOLUTE. IT'S CHANGED YOU SOMEHOW...MADE YOU MORE POWERFUL THAN I COULD HAVE IMAGINED.
THAT COULD BE THE KEY TO HOLDING DARKSEID OFF...
THEN WE NEED TO TELL SUPERMAN. WE HAVE A CHANCE.
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN US TO THE WATCHTOWER...WITH TIME BROKEN I HAVE NO WAY TO NAVIGATE US BACK TO WHEN WE LEFT.
THEN YOU'RE LUCKY I CAME ALONG FOR THE RIDE.
I HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE WITH BEING LOST IN TIME!

WHOA.
WHAT IS THIS?!
WE'RE MOVING OUTSIDE OF TIME ITSELF. OUR MINDS ARE TRYING THEIR BEST TO PERCEIVE THE HORROR AS SOMETHING WE CAN HANDLE...
SO YOU'RE SAYING...

...TIME IS LITERALLY ON FIRE.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?
THE WAR AHEAD IS GREAT. WE WILL LOSE.
I HAVE TRIED TO WARN SUPERMAN OF WHAT IS TO COME AND HE REFUSES TO SEE IT.
OUR BEST OPTION NOW IS TO FLEE. KEEP MOVING BACKWARD TO THE PAST.
YOU'RE LYING.
WHAT ARE YOU NOT TELLING US, TIME TRAPPER?
WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF?

HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET PAST THEM?
SHUSH. I HAVE AN IDEA.
WHOOOSSH
GO.
WE BOTH MUST SWEAR TO NEVER SPEAK OF THIS AGAIN.
IF ANYONE KNOWS WHAT WE SAW WE WILL SURELY BE ARRESTED.
I AGREE...

"THE SECRET STAYS WITH US."
I DO NOT FEAR DARKSEID.
BECAUSE OF AN ANCIENT PROPHECY THAT APPEARED ON COUNTLESS WORLDS, I WAS CREATED FOR THIS ROLE.
MANUFACTURED ON KRYPTON TO DEFEAT DARKSEID.
BORN TO BE A WEAPON. BUT NOW...
...I SEE THAT I AM A WEAPON THAT MUST BE ARMED BY ANOTHER.
YOU HAVE TO TELL SUPERMAN AND THE REST OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE EVERYTHING YOU KNOW. THEY NEED THE TRUTH.
NO MATTER HOW SCARY, THE FUTURE IS, ITS STILL COMING WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT.
HOPE IS AN ILLUSION, BOOSTER GOLD.
NNNEEAARRLY EVVVERRRY ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE IS HERE, TERRIFIC. IF EARTH IS IN DANGER FROM DARKSEID, WE NEED TO GET READY.
HOLD ON, SUPERMAN. THERE IS SOMETHING TIME TRAPPER NEEDS TO SHOW YOU.
I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE ENEMIES, BUT TRUST ME WHEN I SAY YOU NEED TO LISTEN...

EVERYONE NEEDS TO HEAR THIS.

"URSA...DID YOU TAKE SOMETHING FROM THOSE RUINS?"

I MUST HAVE.

I THOUGHT IT WAS INTERESTING.

IT TALKED ABOUT HOW A GREAT DANGER WAS COMING AND HOW AN "ULTIMATE WEAPON" WAS NEEDED TO DEFEAT IT.

I THOUGHT...I DON'T KNOW...MAYBE KRYPTON COULD USE THAT WEAPON IN THE FUTURE.

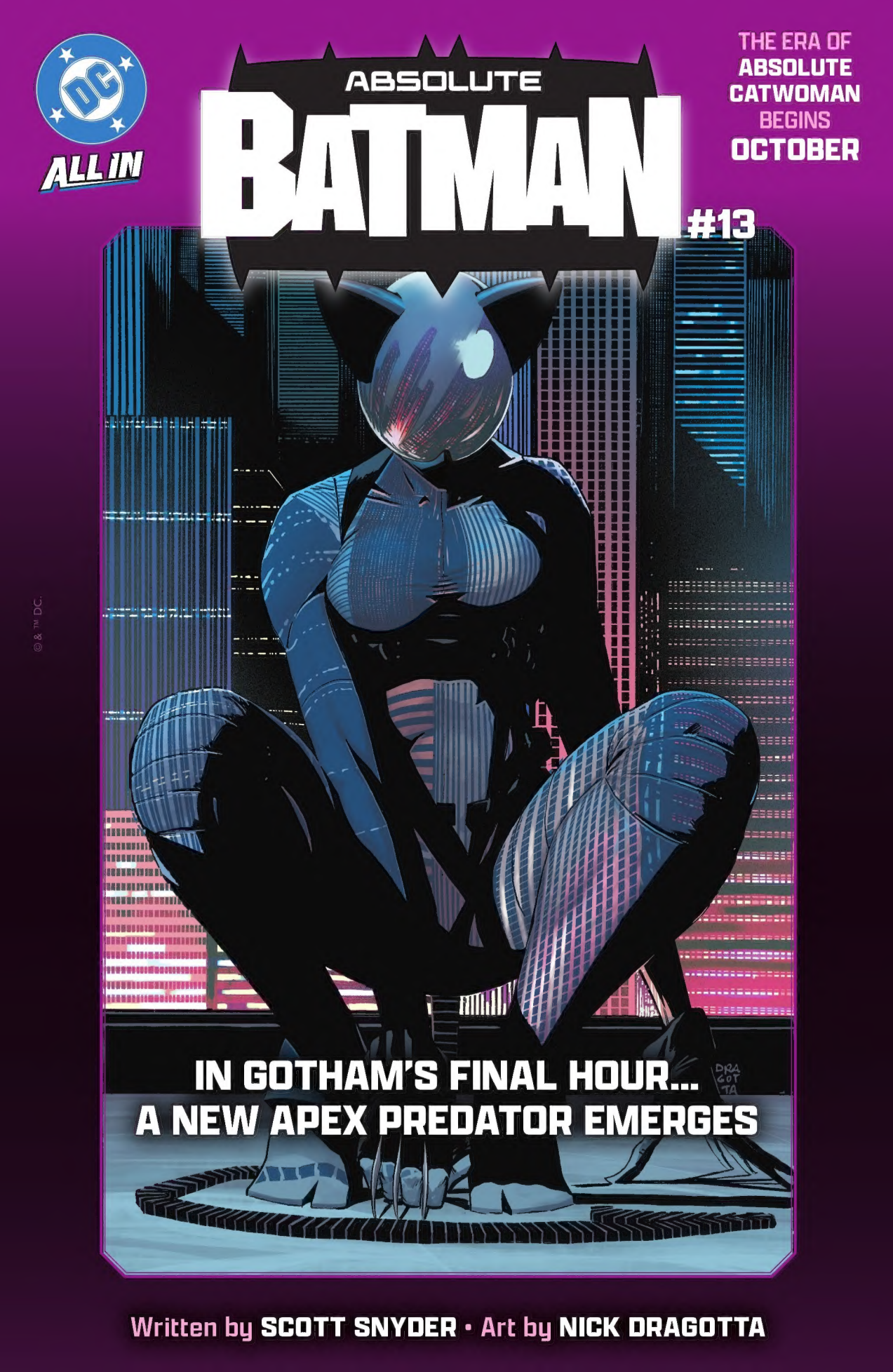
HERE... YOU HAVE IT. HIDE IT AWAY IN YOUR PRECIOUS ARCHIVES.

URSA...

YOU HAD THAT TRANSLATION WRONG. IT DOESN'T SAY "ULTIMATE WEAPON"...

IT SAYS...

"...'ABSOLUTE CHAMPION.'"
IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST DARKSEID AND HIS FORCES WE MUST WORK TOGETHER, SUPERMAN.
CAN YOU *DO* THAT?
THE FIGHT BEGINS IN ONE WEEK! *DC K.O.* #1!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A NEW APEX PREDATOR EMERGES
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DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON

A CONVERSATION WITH SCOTT SNYDER AND JOSHUA WILLIAMSON

In 2024, *Absolute Batman* writer Scott Snyder and Superman writer Joshua Williamson gave shape to DC's future in the fateful *DC All In Special* one-shot—the start of the All In era and the birth of the Absolute Universe. One year later, Snyder teams with artist Javi Fernández for *DC K.O.*, a massive, fight-filled, five-issue DC Universe event starting in October and running through March; with Williamson presiding over the tie-in series. In the second half of a conversation between Snyder and Williamson, the friends and frequent collaborators discuss what's at stake in the event and the *who would win?* fun of the story.

Scott Snyder: The whole event at its core is giant fights between your favorite heroes—but not grim-dark. It's really fun! The whole goal of it is to bring you back to that kid joy of who would win in a fight.

Joshua Williamson: We all have these conversations—we go to the comic book store and talk about who would win, and that's what we want to do a story about. We have some surprises; it's not only going to be the characters you're expecting. We're definitely going to have characters that you're not expecting to get into this competition.

DC K.O. #1 variant cover by Noobovich

Snyder: When you die in the tournament, you're out. You turn into a statue, you're put on a shelf, and you lose. You can't become the King Omega. Whoever is the champion, the whole universe bends towards them so they become this giant celestial being.

If you show mercy, if you act in a way that is compassionate, then the Omega energy goes down. The only way is to be merciless. To go all the way.

Williamson: The heroes have to really fight and really push themselves in ways they never have.

DC K.O. #1 variant cover by Jim Lee and Alex Sinclair

Snyder: Some characters won't know if they can do it, whereas other characters have been waiting for it.

Williamson: Some characters already have plans on how to take out other characters.

There's an emotional core. When we did *Dark Nights: Metal*, it was very much about a Batman story, when we did *Dark Nights: Death Metal* it was a Wonder Woman story, and now we're doing *DC K.O.* and we knew this was going to be a Superman story.

DC K.O. #1 variant cover by Frank Cho and Sabine Rich

Snyder: I haven't gotten to write Clark in quite a few years. At first, I was pretty reluctant, because there are so many great Superman stories happening right now. The truth is, he was the only character who could really be the hero of this story. The only way to win is to become the thing you hate.

Whoever wins, whoever becomes the King Omega, gets to restore everything on the other side. If they can beat him, they can put everything back the way it was. The question of the event is, is it worth it? Is it worth becoming the thing you hate?

DC K.O. #1 main cover
by Javi Fernández and Alejandro Sánchez

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DC K.O. #1,
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